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1. a number of students of the Halle University, were summoned to the FDJ Secretariat, and each was talked to individually by an SSD representative. The SSD man spoke of the nature of the disorders going on in Halle, with references to "American agents" and the like, and then pointed out that the reestablishment of order was essential.
2. The Soviet Army, he said, could interfere only in the event it was attacked by the demonstrators, and for the sake of order it was necessary to provoke this interference from the Soviet troops. As "loyal sons of the DDR", the students were urged to form groups of three or four men, and, mingling with the demonstrators, to throw rocks at the Soviet troops. The students were made to sign a statement promising not to reveal this assignment. About 60 students left the Secretariat with these instructions.

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